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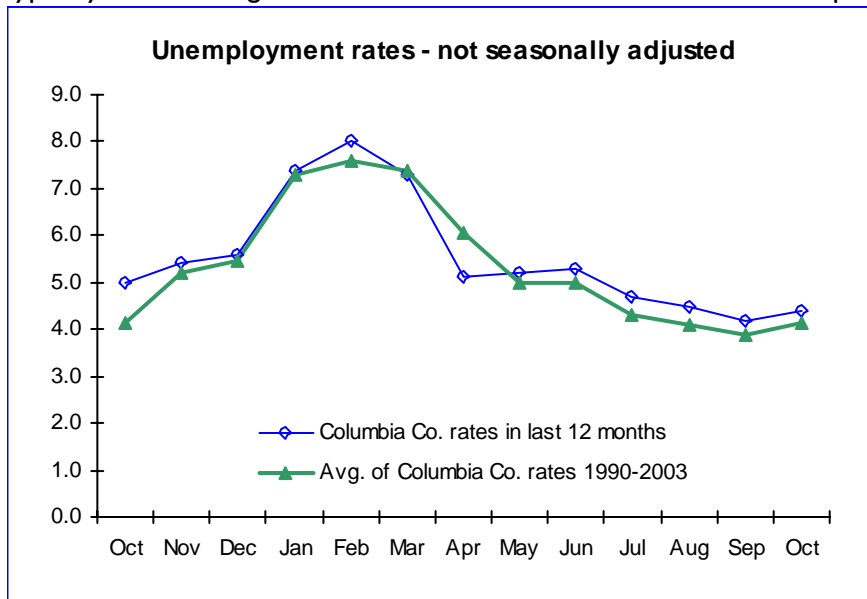
Unemployment rates follow typical seasonal trend, remain somewhat above normal levels

Since May, **Columbia County** has seen unemployment rates roughly 0.2 percent to 0.4 percent above typical levels. In October, the rate rose as it typically does, leaving it 0.3 percent above its typical October level. Employment estimates for the retail & wholesale trade sector have been below year-ago levels since July, mainly because they rose more slowly this spring and summer. Leisure & hospitality employment estimates had been well above year-ago levels for most of this spring and summer; they are now dipping closer to year-ago levels.

For six of the last seven months, including October, **Dane County's** unemployment rate has been

roughly 0.5 to 0.6 percent above typical levels. Employment estimates for the leisure & hospitality sector rose faster and peaked higher this summer than last, but

From October 2003 to March 2004, professional & business services employment was below year-ago levels, so this represents noticeable improvement in the sector.



After an August spike (2.0 percent above typical), **Dodge County's** unemployment rate is in much more familiar territory now (just 0.7 percent above typical). From January through August, leisure & hospitality employment estimates were well above year-ago levels; they fell more sharply this September and October

than last, and sit very near year-ago levels.

Apart from February and June spikes, **Jefferson County's** unemployment rate has spent much of

they are also falling faster this autumn than they did last autumn. Professional & business services employment estimates are further above year-ago levels than they have been in the last 12 months.

Labor force estimates - not seasonally adjusted

	Wisconsin			South Central			Columbia			Dane		
	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change
Civilian Labor Force**	3,109,500	7,300	29,900	456,900	1,490	4,100	28,900	-30	20	293,800	2,800	5,300
Employed	2,983,000	7,500	43,000	443,700	1,430	4,900	27,600	-80	190	287,400	2,900	5,800
Unemployed	126,500	-200	-13,140	13,200	60	-840	1,270	50	-170	6,400	-80	-490
Unemployment rate (%)	4.1	0.0	-0.4	2.9	0.0	-0.2	4.4	0.2	-0.6	2.2	0.0	-0.2
	Dodge			Jefferson			Marquette			Sauk		
	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change
Civilian Labor Force**	48,600	0	20	41,800	-290	-990	7,000	10	-60	36,900	-1,000	-200
Employed	46,500	-80	250	40,100	-210	-1,050	6,600	-20	50	35,700	-1,050	-280
Unemployed	2,100	80	-220	1,700	-80	70	370	30	-100	1,280	60	80
Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	0.1	-0.5	4.1	-0.1	0.3	5.3	0.4	-1.5	3.5	0.3	0.3

** Includes labor force participants residing in area. Estimates are **NOT** seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary and subject to revision. Numbers 2,000 and greater are rounded to nearest 100. Numbers under 2,000 are rounded to nearest 10. Sub-units may not add to totals due to rounding. Calculations are based on unrounded numbers. Results are rounded. For more information call (608) 242-4885 or email dan.barroilhet@dwd.state.wi.us.

the last year between 0.6 percent and 1.2 percent above typical. The October unemployment rate was 0.9 percent above typical, which is roughly in keeping with the trend from the last 12 months. Employment estimates for the information, professional, business & other services sector remain well above year-ago levels, but fell much faster this October than last. The same is true of leisure & hospitality employment estimates. In the transportation, warehousing & utilities sector, employment estimates poked above year-ago levels for the first time in over twelve months.

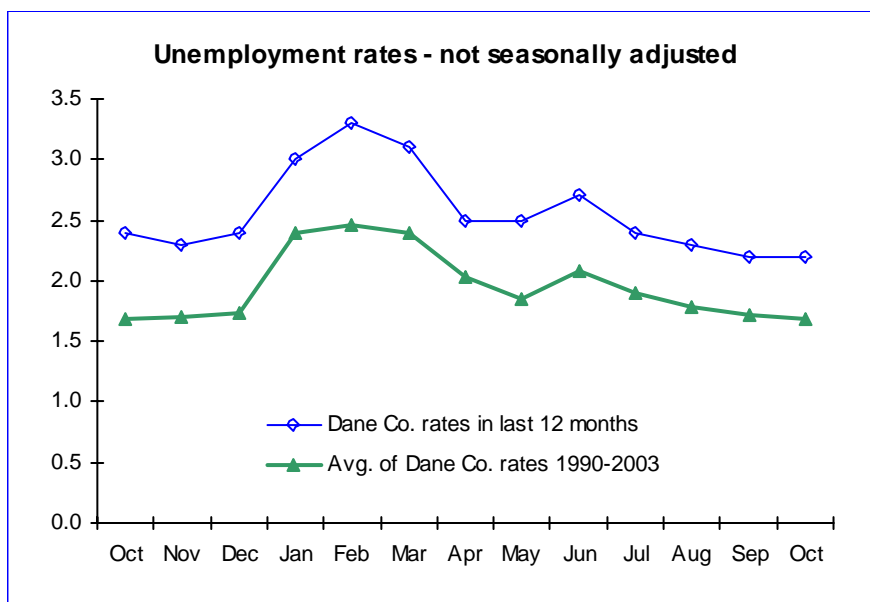
The unemployment rate in **Marquette County** is as close to normal as it has been at any time in the last 12 months and has seasonal fluctuations have been less extreme since

June. From January through August leisure & hospitality employment estimates were well above year-ago levels, but they fell faster this September and October than last, so they've nearly fallen to year-ago levels. Construction

employment estimates remained relatively stable this summer as they had last, but had not risen nearly as much this spring as they had last, so they remain below year-ago levels.

Sauk County's unemployment rate was 0.2 percent above its typical October level. It has been at or below typical levels for most of the last year. During the summer peak, leisure & hospitality

employment was over 700 jobs (7.2%) above year-ago levels, compared to just 10 jobs (0.2%) in October.

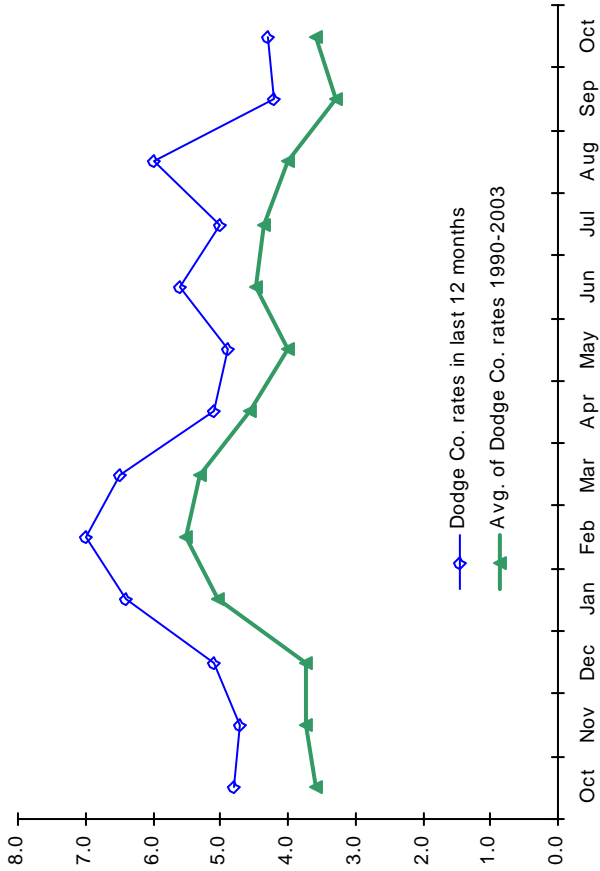


Employment by industry estimates - not seasonally adjusted

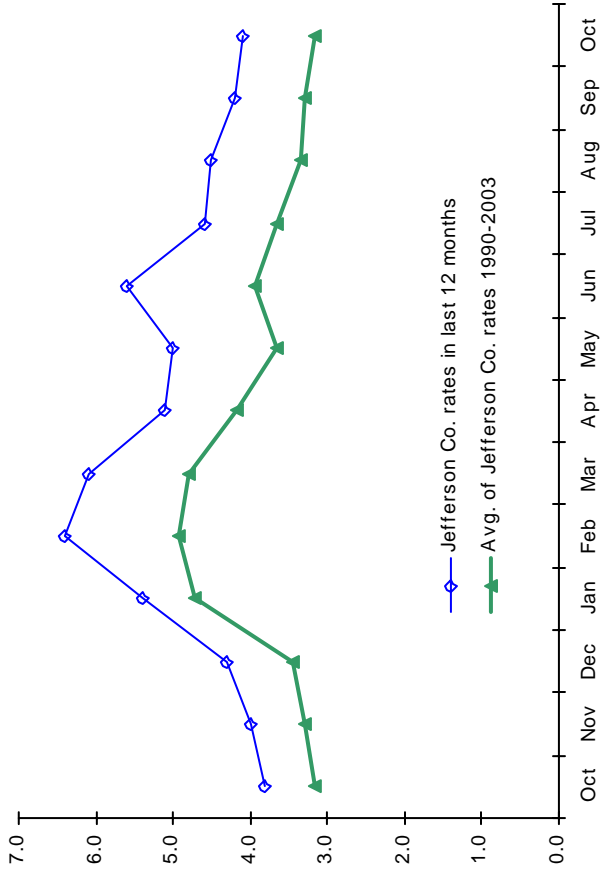
	Wisconsin			South Central			Columbia			Dane		
	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change
Total jobs, all industries*	2,867,900	13,200	58,000	436,100	1,040	4,100	21,100	-110	270	305,000	2,500	4,400
Const., min'g & nat. resources	137,300	-300	2,600	23,500	190	890	1,210	0	40	16,100	300	900
Manufacturing	519,800	-300	16,400	59,500	-160	60	4,700	-80	-90	27,700	200	700
Trade (w wholesale & retail)	446,900	4,400	8,400	65,000	700	-470	3,500	-100	-10	44,000	700	-500
Transport, Wrhsing, Utilities	109,500	0	1,300	11,000	150	-230	800	-30	-10	7,200	300	-300
Financial activities	161,700	100	2,800	29,400	220	-300	690	-10	80	25,300	200	-500
Education & health services	380,200	800	5,900	45,300	240	850	2,300	-10	30	30,400	200	600
Leisure & hospitality	251,500	-8,000	6,500	40,500	-2,500	1,440	2,300	-200	50	25,400	-700	1,300
Info, prof, bus. & other srvcs	446,600	100	18,000	67,900	350	2,000	1,670	-40	80	54,200	600	2,100
Government	414,400	16,400	-3,900	94,100	1,830	-100	3,900	350	120	74,700	900	0
	Dodge			Jefferson			Marquette			Sauk		
	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change	Oct 2004	1-month change	1-year change
Total jobs, all industries*	34,800	-40	260	35,000	-210	-520	4,000	40	-30	36,200	-1,140	-230
Const., min'g & nat. resources	2,300	0	30	1,420	-10	50	250	0	-80	2,200	-110	-50
Manufacturing	10,600	-130	-20	8,700	-40	-640	1,230	0	20	6,600	-110	90
Trade (w wholesale & retail)	4,200	-20	270	6,000	-20	0	470	-10	0	6,800	130	-230
Transport, Wrhsing, Utilities	1,020	30	10	1,250	50	10	60	0	0	690	0	-50
Financial activities	830	-10	10	970	20	30	160	10	10	1,470	10	60
Education & health services	4,300	30	200	4,500	-30	-70	310	10	10	3,400	30	90
Leisure & hospitality	2,500	-110	20	3,300	-230	60	440	-30	0	6,600	-1,210	10
Info, prof, bus. & other srvcs	3,600	40	-150	4,900	-200	240	230	0	20	3,200	-50	-280
Government	5,400	130	-120	3,900	240	-210	880	50	-10	5,300	170	110

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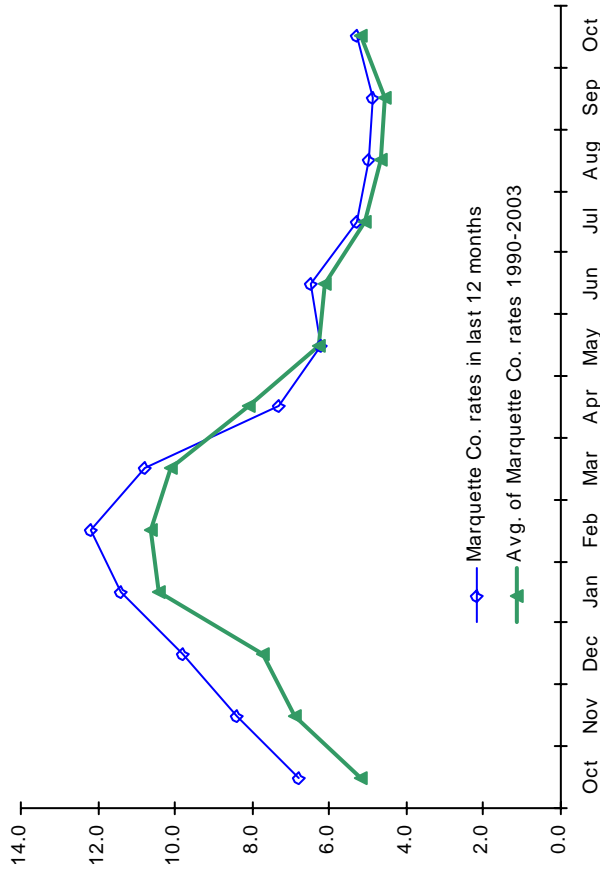
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